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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed antitrust settlement with Microsoft. Microsoft needs competition. Without competition Microsoft will have no reason to ever improve its products. Microsoft's products, in my opinion have steadily degraded as the company grew. After all, if there is no steady, present, competition, why would they need to improve their products.

Microsoft has, over the years destroyed any competition that has ever come against them. The reasoning, it's good buisness. But our nation was founded on a set of ethical values. By this ruthless practice, Microsoft abides by none. They consistently make what I consider to be libelous, slanderous statements about any competition that ever points their way.

For technology to advance, competition is a nessesity. Else the tech industry will be like George Orwell's Animal Farm. The pigs (no harsh implications toward microsoft intended) will keep telling us how much better our life is.

And we will be forced to believe them. Because we have no basis for comparison any longer.

I cannot make suggestions as for their penalties, as I do not know all the matters of fact or law, but the penalties should be severe. At least enough so Microsoft cannot merely shake them off and continue with a monopoly. Thank you for your time, consideration, and willingness to listen, I submit

Very Respectfully,
Joseph Brumm

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